

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for workshop Meeting, Oct. 6, 2009
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Burr Taylor, Ann Nemrow, Donald Jones, Deirdre Strachan ,
Tony Barrett, Anne Perry.

Guests: Jim Henderson (selectman), Marcel Polak (MEACC)

Meeting called to order by M. Nahf at 3:05PM

Minutes of Sept. 15, 2009 approved. Moved by D. Strachan, seconded by A. Perry. Unanimous

Announcements: Lawn care resolution to be on selectmen's agenda for 10/29. HHLT's program on Upper
Quahog Bay approx. 1/8-1/15/2010, final date to come later.

Old Business: MNRCH Grant support letter from Town to HHLT re Basin Cove Property. D. Strachan
presented the letter. We are asking the selectmen to send this letter in support of the HHLT grant
application. A discussion with J. Henderson and the HCC followed. Wetlands issues and whether this was
a village area (it is not) were addressed. The letter with request will be placed on Selectmen's 10/15
agenda. M. Nahf will present at the meeting.

Senter Grant: due by 10/31. This is now a max. \$20K grant for educational/environmental purposes. Could
be used for lawn care, educational purposes and brochures in the Town. Also possibly Cliff Trail easement
and vernal pools mapping. Will apply for \$5-7,000 for educational purposes. D. Strachan to get grant letter
to selectmen via hard copy and electronic means prior to their next meeting. J. Henderson also suggested
adding value of trails etc. to ed. Materials. Wanted to know if other towns put easements on their own
property. Falmouth may do this. M. Polak to check. Also need to meet with CPIC and Rec. Comm.
Each year the Town applies for CDBG grant/funding. M. Nahf talked to Town planner about considering
vernal pools mapping when choosing projects. Due to cost vs benefit HCC discussed whether it is better to
wait a year and work on education and maybe apply for vernal pools next year. Add vernal pools to ed.
materials and publicize "Big Night" in the spring.

New Business: Will no longer have separate workshops, too much duplicated effort and meetings. Concom
meeting schedule: Nov. 3, 5pm-7pm. Nov. 17, 3pm-5pm. Dec. 1, 5pm. Dec 15, 5pm.

Conservation Education: Lawn resolution discussion. Save Our Bay new working title rather than Lawns
for Lobsters. Clammers have been very supportive and we feel this is a better fit for all. Gave permission
for Sebascodogan Garden Club to use some of the HCC material in their next flyer. A. Perry sent material
via email. Give her feedback. Will focus on Otter Brook residents first in small groups.

D. Strachan would like to have on next agenda the talking points with realtors re keeping us informed of
homes/properties in focus areas that are new to the market. What do we want from them etc?

M. Nahf would like a brief meeting on 10/13 to review the lawn care resolution at 3pm. Email any
thoughts on presentation to selectmen. Who should speak, present, sign and take the pledge.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19pm

D. Jones, sec'y.